

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

In regard to the application of Yu, et al. entitled COLD HEARTH AND SKULL FOR REFINING METALS WHICH SEAL TOGETHER TO PREVENT OVERFLOW OF MOLTEN METAL THEREBETWEEN being filed concurrently herewith, no prior art search was conducted before the preparation and filing of this application.

However, this should not be construed as a representation that no better art exists which may be unknown to applicant. Moreover, no representation is made that the information included in the disclosed references is non-cumulative.

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